#### TO SUE THE THIRD AVENUE.

AMSTERDAM-AVE. PROPERTY-OWNERS DECIDE ON VIGOROUS ACTION.

Three suits are to be brought against the Third Railroad Company by property-owners in materdam-ave. in the effort to prevent the construction of a second underground electric railroad on that thoroughfare. The determination to bring Executive Committee of the Ams ty Owners' Association on Wednesday night. at St. Michael's parish house. Inasmuch as the company has begun excavations for the laying of the conduits, it was recognized that speedy action ras necessary, and that no time should be lost in fighting the continuance of the work.

The course of action decided upon by the committee was to bring three separate actions in the courts, seeking injunctions restraining the comm making further excavations. It is said one of the suits will be brought by a private en, the second plaintiff will probably be the Home for the Blind, between One-hundred-andnird and One-hundred-and-fourth sts., while the third suit will in all likelihood be instituted by St. Michael's Church, at Ninety-ninth-st., or the West nd Presbyterian Church, at One-hundred-andfifth-st. John Alexander Beall, the counsel to the committee, has been ordered to prepare the necessary papers without delay, and it is probable that be filed either to-day or to-morrow. The necessary to carry the fight through the courts, and proposes to increase its membership so that it will include property-owners in the Boule-West End-ave, and Riverside Drive, as well

Thomas A. Fulton, the chairman of the comm company, after removing the pavement from two eral days, and consequently he is inclined to look upon the tearing up of the street at this time as a ere "bluff" and as a challenge to the committee be based, Mr. Fulton said:

injunction is the inadequacy of the consents obined from property-owners. We are convinced of the road being built. We shall contend enat enough of them are illegal in form or fact to make the company's rights invalid. For instance, imbia University has given its consent. The versity has also been given, the consent covering perty have been used for two roads. This, we

mpany will have less than enough to proceed with the work. Another ground for the application will lie in the fact that six great water mains, takng up from thirty-five to forty fact of the avenue's

proceedings of the committee, but he added. "The work of laying down the tracks has been begun, and will be carried ahead to completely fust as fast as possible. The committee will soon see that we are not bluffing. The construction of this line has been delayed too long already, and we are not disposed to wait any longer. Let the Amsterdamere accommittee take the matter to the courts. We are as anxious as they to have the matter settled once for all."

#### LOCAL BUSINESS COMPLICATIONS.

Justice Glegerich, of the Supreme Court, has appointed Carl C. Wille receiver of all the property Coloritype Company, photo-engraving, at ed by a chattel mortgage sought to be foreclosed by the Central Trust Company. The mortnade on the plant of the company to secure an issue of bonds. A its pendens has also been first the leakehold interest of the company at Nos. 32 and 34 Lafayette Place. The company was incorporated in June. 1806, under West Virginia laws, with an authorized capital stock of \$75,000. In February last there was a change of officers. Alreed Messe became president and Carl C. Wille

Deputy-Sheriff Sullivan has received an attach ment against the Assabet Manufacturing Company, woollens, of Boston, from Adams & Adams for \$36. it is a foreign corporation. Thomas P. Adams, at

Judgment was entered here yesterday against F. M. Brown & Co. drygoods dealers, of New-Haven, for 130 114, in favor of the National Shoe and Leather Bank for the amount due on several

Judgment for \$5.454 was entered here resterday egainst Frederick Pfluger and Mary Pfluger, of Path Beach, in favor of Charles Loeschmann, on eight notes given to John P. Schwenger on July 15. 187, secured by a mortgage on real estate in Brook-lyn, which property was subsequently sold under foreclosure of a prior mortgage.

Fight title and interest of the New-York Fire Proof Stabling Company in the effects at No. 214 West Thirty-thirdet and No. 211 to 215 West Thirty-econdest, for 1800 A judgment was entered example to the company on December 1 for \$16,367 to favor of Benedict Fischer.

## BROOKLYN ELEVATED REORGANIZATION

The Reorganization Committee of the Brooklyr Union Elevated Railroad Company at a meeting resterday decided to name the incorporators of the new company, to apply to the courts for the dis-charge of the receiver. Frederick Uhlmann, and to afternoon that he would probably get his discharge as receiver within the next two or three weeks, and that the new company would be organized within a week or two afterward. There are to be accenteen incorporators, most of whom will be selected from the old Board of Directors. Mr. Unimans, it is understood is to be the president of the new company. The new securities to be issued are \$13,989.090 of common stock, \$5,000.000 of 5 per cent non-cumulative preferred stock and \$16,000.000 of first mortgage gold bonds, bearing \$ per cent interest until 1806 and 5 per cent thereafter.

## SYNDICATE TO BUY BREWERIES.

New-Haven, Conn., Jan. 5.—"The Union" says: One of the biggest deals which has ever been op-erated in New-Haven will materialize within a few days. It is the absorption of all but one of the New-Haven breweries by a New-Very one of the New-Haven breweries by a New-york syndicate. The project is being engineered by Attorney E. J. Presh, of New-York. The ulti-mate purpose is to control the entire beer traffic in New-England and about New-York. The breweries in Jersey City. Springfield, Mass, and Providence have already been absorbed. The Fresenius Sons Company, of New-Haven, will not enter the com-bination at present. It is also announced that the Meriden Brewing Company is not being considered how.

There is no such name as E. J. Presh in the New-York City Directory.

## AN ARTISTIC SOUVENIR.

The Kisch Manufacturing Company has sent to some of its customers one of the most attractive souvenirs of the season. It is a picture by Prang representing an old man reading in The Tribune an

The members of the concern have good reason for being expansionists, as they have filled orders within a week for Mantla and Honoluli, and say that the next society photographs from these distant points will probably show the dusky beauties arrayed in fashionable New-York neckwest.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY AFFAIRS.

COUNSEL SAYS THE BOOKS WILL NOT BE PRO DUCED-STOCKHOLDERS TO BE PROTECTED-

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 5.-In the arguments before the Attorney-General to dismiss the Master Comand continue the investigation of made some positive statements and admissions

He declared, in the first place, in response to in terrogatories of the Court, that the company not, under the former order of the Court, produce dence. In the second place, he admitted that there certificates of the Standard Oil Trust, which the ordered dissolved in 1892, and which the president of the Standard company has all along been trying to get in, and is still trying. The Court heard the arguments of both sides, but took

dressed the Court. The arguments were principally devoted to the question as to whether or not the officers of the Standard Oil Company have complied with the recent order of the Court to produce company's books, showing gross earnings and distribution of dividends, since the trust was orargued that the company produced no books in nce except stock books; that dilatory tactics had been resorted to by it; that the Master Comoner had not forced compliance with the or the purposes of the investigation are exhausted,

no books that are pertinent to the order of the Court save minute books and ledgers, which had mercial books of the corporation were formally demanded, and when pressed by the Court he admitted that they would not have been produced if violation of the rights of the stockholders, under

which Mr. Kline replied: "We do, for the puro which Mr Kine replied we do for the pur-e of presenting legal questions we desire to se. This will be when the order is presented to officials to produce them." hief Justice Spear asked "Has your company books showing the workings of the corpora-

Mr. Kline replied: "We have books showing gross earnings and all financial details, and we still have them. This talk about burning them is the merest

them. This talk about burning them is the merest chaff."

He was next asked, "Will you produce them?" and he again said: "We will not, under the former order, because it would be a violation of our rights. We have always been willing to produce our minute beoks and ledgers, showing corporate transactions, but not books showing the holdings of stockholders and transfers among them. Any tiem that could not be readily explained would be misconstrued, and the result would be no nearer, no clearer. We submitted all books showing compenhip of trust stock and how it got back into stockholders' hands. When the order to dissolve was made, in 1821, there were \$5.00.000 worth of certificates outstanding, all of which, save about \$7.00.000, has been drawn in, but the president of the corporation has so far been unable to get these, as they are held as investments and collateral by persons who prefer them and are trying to retain them. It takes time to convext all this amount of mosey into corporate stock. The holders of them do not get a dollar of dividend from the Standard Oil Company of Ohio. As to books, we hurn old books in storage every ten years, but there have been none destroyed pertinent to this investigation."

The Courr gave the attorneys of the oil and constituent companies two weeks in which to file their answers in the petitions against the constituent companies.

#### CANADIAN COMPANIES COMBINE.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 5.-Four of the largest loan companies in Canada-the Canada Permanent, the Ontario-yesterday decided to consolidate and form one company. The deal will affect large office staffs in almost every business centre of the Dominion. The four companies have a companies paid-up capital of \$6,000,000 and reserves of with assets of about \$25,000,000.

REDUCED TELEGRAPH TOLLS IN KANSAS. Topeka, Kan. Jan. 5.-Both branches of the Legislature have passed the bill reducing telegraph rates. The bill will now go to the Governor for his signature. The bill reduces the charge for day gage is for \$30,000, dated March 1, 1897, which was cents, and other tolls in proportion. Day press a word, and night press rates from one-quarter to one-sixth cent a word. These rates apply to all points within the State. The measure also places telegraph companies within the jurisdiction of the Court of Visitation, recently created to regulate railroad traffic.

of about \$500. There is reported to be more or less criticism of the management by members of the Exchange who believe that the charges should not be allowed to accumulate to such an extent that the Exchange must be a loser through the delinquency of members. Under the present rules, however, certificates cannot be sold out until after three months' notice of such has been given, and in this interval the dues and assessments accrue. The sale of the nine certificates, it is pointed out, reduces the insurance liability of the Exchange's gratuity fund by \$48,000 net.

PRICE OF CONSOLIDATED SEATS. Seats on the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange are quoted at \$50 each, the highest on

#### INCORPORATED AT ALBANY. Albany, Jan. 5 - The following stock companies

were incorporated to-day: Foreign Standard Barrel Company of New-York City; capital, \$5,000 Directors, Arthur L. Cornell, Arthur W. Harnard and L. J. Morrison

International Granite, Marble and Mosaic Com-pany of New-York City capital, \$5,000. Directors, Hugh P. Hodson, of Marlorough, and Andrew Leve and Howard T. Walden, of New-York City

Florence Publishing Company, of New-York City; capital, 80,000 Directors, W. J. Pollock, Joseph Hayes, Schuyler C. Hodges, John McCrons and Samuel Marsh.

Walters Shoe Company of New-York City capital, \$2500. Directors, William W. Walters and James E. Chase, of Utica, and Joseph B. Bloss, of Rochester.

NARROWLY ESCAPED GOING TO JAPAN. The British ship Mungo sailed out by the Hook yesterday morning, bound for Yokohama. As she passed the whistling buoy she ran into a scow belonging to the Street Cleaning Department and being towed by the tug Mutual. About twenty-five Italian laborers were aboard the slow and most of them jumped upon the Mungo in the confusion that followed the collision. The Mungo, seeing that the damage to the scow was light, continued calmiy on her way to Yokohama. By the time the Italians had gone about two miles toward Japan, the tug

## MANHATTAN CHESS CLUB ELECTION.

At the annual meeting of the Manhattan Chess Club, held last evening, the following officers and directors were elected: President, A. Martinez; vice-president, Dr. Louis Cohn; recording secretary, G. Simonson; corresponding secretary, H. A. Rubino; treasurer, R. Beramji, and directors, R. B. Ferguson, C. H. Leilman, jr., J. W. Luckenbach, Dr. R. A. Mead, Dr. J. S. Sauvalle and H. O. Smith. Dr. R. A. Mead, Dr. J. Smith. For the forthcoming cable chess match between this country and Great Britain, the Brooklyn Chess Club has suggested the following dates to the British Chess Club: March 3 and 4, or 10 and 11, or

A YEAR'S PASSENGERS AT THIS PORT. William C. Moore, landing agent for the port of New-York, has issued a report showing that in 1898 the various steamship lines running into this port landed 80.385 cabin passengers and 219.651 steer-

## A GIFT FROM H. O. ARMOUR.

H. O. Armour, of this city, has made a handsome New Year's gift to Whitworth College, a Presbyterian institution at Sumner, Wash. prises \$50 in cosh, 127 acres of land at West Seattle.

a house and lot in Seattle and blocks of stock in
two mining companies, the value of the whole thing
being about \$20,000. The proceeds are to be added to
the endowment fund of the college.

# ROCKEFELLER CASE IN BROOKLYN

Argument on the injunction proceedings brought by John D. and William Rockefeller against the
Board of Assessors of the Town of Mount Pleasant, Weatchester County, was heard vesterday by
Justice Maddox, in the Supreme Court, in Brooklyn.
Briefe are to be handed in to-morrow.

# BUSY YEAR FOR INDUSTRIES.

LARGE INCREASE IN IMPORTATION OF RAW MATERIALS.

WOOL THE ONLY ARTICLE THAT FAILS TO SHOW

# A GREATER DEMAND.

AT TELEGRAPH TO THE THIRDNE. United States and the employes depending year ending is shown by some figures covering the factured goods just compiled by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics. With large importations of of manufactured goods, and accompanying this an iction must have found constant occupation

Four great classes of raw materials are habitu-ally and necessarily brought into the country for anufacturers' use, namely, raw silk, india-rubfibres and hides. If the importations of these dence of increased activity on the part of manumonths show that in hides the importations have the corresponding months of last year and \$17.915 .-20,000,000 in excess of the corresponding which large quantities are used by domestic manuent year was \$22,831,578, against \$19,270,633 in eleven The raw silk imported for the ten months ding with October amounted to \$21,540,225 in value, against \$20,829,996 in the corresponding months of

against \$12,305,063 in the corresponding months of

## IMPORTS ON THE INCREASE.

all of these four great articles imported for the use of manufacturers it will be seen that the importations of the year for the period covered by ceding years, rubber being M per cent larger than in 1894, milk 50 per cent in excess of 1893; hides, more than double that of 1896 or 1994, and increase in materials imported for the use of manin excess of those of any preceding year, and will fair condition, with no signs of overcrowding or reach in round terms an average of \$1.90,000 a day dirt, but in Eastern Siberia the conditions were

## NEW FATERWEATHER DECISION.

INJUNCTION ON THE EXECUTORS DISMISSED AND

United States Circuit Court of Appeals vacating the injunction granted by Judge Lacombe, of the peals also reverses the order by Judge Lacombe committing Prescott Hall Rutler, of course for the executors, for contempt of court for refusing to answer as to the contents of a codicil executed by which, it is contended, was burned by Henry B. Vaughn, one of the executors under the will. Mr.

Judge Wallace, who writes the opinion of the spect to the contents of any document or other his professional employment. It follows that the plaintiff in error (Butler) properly declined to dis-

plaintiff in error (Butler) properly declined to disclose the contents of the codicil."

The vacating of the injunction leaves the executors of the will free to dispose of allout \$2,00,000.

This decision does not affect the question as
to the validity of the codicil under which these
bequests were made, and which Emma B. Fayerweather and her sister, Mary W. Achter, nieces
and next of kin of Mr. Fayerweather, are contesting on the ground that at the time the codicil was
executed, the night before Mr. Fayerweather died,
he was incapable of executing such a paper.

The hearings in the suit which is now pending in
the United States Circuit Court will be continued.

#### VATE CAPITAL LIKELY TO BE EMPLOYED

Controller Bird S Coler and George L. Rives, the committee appointed last week by the Board of Rapid Transit Commissioners to draw up a memorial to the Legislature explaining the present situ-ation of the rapid-transit project, and outlining build the tunnel, presented the draft of their me-mortal to the meeting of the Board yesterday field said the only information he had to make pub-lic was that the draft had been carefully considered and then referred back to the committee for com-pletion prior to presentation to the Legislature. Although Mr. Delafield refused to give any inkling as to the contents of the document, it is now well understood that the Commissioners have abandoned the county bond plan, and are in per-fect agreement with Controller Coler in consider-ing that the most feasible course to pursue will be to seek special legislation empowering them to

WANTS TO MAKE GUNS FOR NORWAY. August Reymert, special agent of the Krag-Jorgensen Arms Company, arrived here yesterday on the White Star liner Majestic. He said that he had been in Norway as the representative of the Bethlehem Steel Company, of Pennsylvania, and that he had filed with the Government of Norway bids for the manufacture of four 21-centimetre breech-load-

NARROW ESCAPES AT A DOWNTOWN FIRE. Fire broke out in the rear of the first floor of the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company early yesterday morning. Five persons were asleep on the floors above and narrowly escaped being by the janitress, was overcome by smoke, and had it not been for the timely arrival of the firemen he would have been burned to death. It required only fifteen minutes for the firemen to extinguish the blaze. The damage will be about \$1.004.

#### THE WINSLOW AT CARDENAS.

LIEUTENANT M'CREA CORRECTS SOME MISUNDER-

STANDINGS ABOUT THE AFFAIR Lieutenant Henry McCrea, U. S. N., who was executive officer of the gunboat Machina at the bombardment of Cardenas, in which the torpedo-boat Winslow was disabled and Ensign Bagley lation to that affair have been misunderstood, and newspaper readers and to certain German and Navy, who have assumed that the frail torpedo Speaking of the Cardenas affair yesterday Lieuten-

ant McCrea said: "The order having been given to destroy the Spanish gunboats at Cardenas, or capture them, if possible, the following disposition of the ships was

The gunboat Machias was to capture Diana Key and guard the main ship channel, while the gunboat Wilmington, the converted tug Hudson and the torpedo-boat Winslow were to enter the harbor through the eastern channel. The morning was extremely hazy, so when the Wilmington got abreast of the wharves Commander Todd, of the Wilmington, was unable to make out the Spanish gunboats, though he could see several vessels moored head out at the wharves. He shouted through a megaphone to Lieutenant Bernadou. commanding the Winslow:

'Run in a few hundred yards and see if those are the gunboats to the left of that yellow build-

scrap, and the Winslow speeded away. The Wins-

scrap, and the Winslow speeded away. The Winslow soon found herself among a lot of small buoys and in shallow water, these buoys being the range buoys placed by the Spanlards for their recently setablished masked bettery. Lieutenant Bernadou was at once in the zone of fire.

"Quickly reversing his engine the was soon out of the fire and uniquired, but since he had not accomplished his errand he zealously went in again, and this time opened fire himself with his 1-pounder. These shots had little effect, while two or three lucky shots from the shore out him to pieces. Commander Todd opened a terrific fire with the Wilmington on the battery, which silenced it and permitted the Hudson to tow the wounded Winslow to safety."

to safety."

Lieutenant McCrea says that it might be argued that a mistake had been made to have sent in a torpedo-boat at all, but a light-draught vessel was necessary for the purpose, and the orders issued to the Winslow were never intended to mean that that

#### RUSSIA'S SIBERIAN PRISONS.

PRATURES OF AN OFFICIAL REPORT TO BE MADE TO THE CZAR.

London, Jan 5 .- The St. Petersburg correspondent 'The Daily Mail" says: ministration, has just returned here from a f ufacturers is considered in connection with the the Russian Government in Siberia and the Island fact that the importations of manufactures have of Saghallen, off the east coast of Asia. He has report to the Czar. Its leading feature is M

#### CONTRACT FRAUDS IN JAPAN.

TION WITH BUILDING A BATTLE SHIP.

San Francisco, Jan. 5 (Special) -- Advices from Vokohama say that several Japanese are in trouble over frauds to the letting of the contract for the involved some 6,000,000 yen, and a number of foreign ship-building firms were after it. A German named Bachr, of Yokohama, representing a or of bribes in the Navy Department and secured

Had he not used too many Japanese of influence. ell would have been well. He first contracted with

## EUGENE CANFIELD IN COURT.

HIS WIFE, WHILE SUING FOR A SEPARATION.

for a separation, had had him arrested for abandonment. After hearing both sides Magistrate Climsted decided that Canfield should may his wife 120 a week, and adjourned the case until this morning in order that Canfield might furnish a bond. During the hearing Mrs. Canfield became hysterical. Her counsel said that she was in great

## IMPROVEMENTS IN THE BRONT.

The local Board of Improvement of The Bronx ulated and graded from Webster-ave, to the Har-lem River, that One-hundred-and-eighty-seventh-st. be regulated and graded from Webster-ave, to Third-ave., that water mains be placed in Union-ave., from Holmes-st. to One-hundred-and-sixtysixth-st, and that a board walk he laid in Ryer-ave. from Burnside-ave to One-hunored-andava. from Burnside-ave sightlightest. A petition was received asking that a terrace and steps be constructed at the retaining wall in Boston Road at One-hundred-and-sixty-fifth-st, for the convenience of pedestrians wishing to reach One-hundred-and-sixty-fifth-st, from the road. A petition received for the construction of sewers in Jerome-ave, Villa-ave, Potter Place and Hedford Park was reforred to the Committee or Sawers.

#### W. F. FRAME AND OTHERS. An agreeable entertainment, chiefly in the Scot-

eish dialect, was given at Chickering Hall last even-ing by a company headed by W. F. Frame. Mr. Frame gave comic mixtures of recitation and song in costume, showing considerable skill as a mimic and a lively sense of humor. He was assisted by an accomplished company of singers, dancers and nipers, not to mention a violinist. The dancers, David C. Mather and John Mackenzie, showed especial experiness in the Highland fling and the sword dance. Miss Florence Hayward and Miss ner, and James Booth had a hard evening's work as accompanist. The other members of the com-pany were Walter Haigh, violinist, and Walter pany were waiter haish. Gray tenor. The printed programme was a trifle extravagant in its praise of the performers. It tended to make the affair look several degrees cheaper than it really was. If entertainers are worth hearing and seeing, a New-York audience can usually find it out for itself. The performance will be repeated this and to-morrow evenings and temorrow afternoon.

EIGHT YEARS IN SING SING FOR HALLEN. and four months in Sing Sing Prison from Judge McMahon for forgery yesterday in the Court of McMahon for forgery yesterday in the Court of General Sessions. In 1894 Hallen, while acting as the attorney for Florence E. Cauldwell, forged the name of Henry E. Jones to a mortgage for \$16.500 on some property in West Endaye. Hallen, in the course of his trial, strenuously denied that he was guilty of the crime charged, but admitted having taken \$10,000 of his client's money, and said that if he had been on trial for largeny he would have cleaded guilty.

#### MERCHANT IN A STREET ACCIDENT. Michael Janley, a retired oil merchant, fifty-six

Michael Janley, a retired oil merchant, fitty-six years old, of No. 20 East One-hundred-and-secondst while driving along Madison-ave, at One-hundred-and-sixteenth-st, yesterday afternoon, was thrown out of his buggy in a collision with an electric car, and his vehicle was demolished. Mr. Janley was thrown to the pavement, and received several scalp wounds. He was taken home. The motorman was arrested.

## J. J. COOGAN GETS THE PLUM.

MADE BOROUGH PRESIDENT BY ORDER OF RICHARD CROKER

members of the Municipal Assembly from the Borough of Manhattan yesterday elected James J. ogan, of No. 564 Fifth-ave., to the office of President of the Borough to succeed the late W. Peters. Thirty-two members of the Municipal Assembly responded to the Mayor's call meeting in the chamber of the Board of Aldermen at noon, and few of them knew whom they were to vote for when they arrived, Mr. Croker's orders having been conveyed only to the leaders. Mayor Van Wyck presided at the meeting. After the roll had been called, John T. Oakley, vice-president of the Council, nominated Mr. Coogan in a brief speech. Thomas F. McCaul, the Tammany leader in the Board of Aldermen, seconded the nomination. Then all understood what Mr. Croker's orders were, and the vote for Mr. Coogan was unanimous. The Republican and Citizens Union members of the Municipal Assembly from the borough did not at- NO ONE BLAMED FOR GRIFFIN'S DEATH. tend the meeting.

The selection of Mr. Coogan for the office caused

both surprise and indignation among many Tammany politicians. They had expected that the office might go to James J. Martin or some other Tam-



JAMES I COOGAN. Who was elected President of the Borough of Man-

many district leader out of a job. The salary of the office is \$5.000 a year, and Mr. Coogan will have nearly three years to serve. His selection by Mr. Croker for the office was said to be due to purely personal reasons, and some of the Tammany men said with some bitterness that the interests of the

organization had been disregarded.

Coogan got about ten thousand votes when he ran for Mayor, and the votes cost him about \$10 apiece." said one of them in the City Hall in the afternoon, "and it would be interesting to know ow much the thirty-two votes he got to-day will

Mr. Coogan formerly was a furniture dealer in the Bowery. He became a picturesque figure in local politics in 1888, when he ran for Mayor as the Labor Union candidate. The other candidates that year were Hugh J Grant, Tammany Abram S Hewitt, County Democracy, and Joel B Erhardt. Republican. Mr. Coogan was the last in the race, receiving 2800 totes. In recent years he has not been conspicuously active as a politician. He gave up his furniture business a few years ago and has been interested in real estate, managing the properties of Mrs. Lynch, his mother-in-aw. She owns the property known as the Pois Grounds, which is leased to Andrew Freedman, president of the New York Basebail Club. Mr. Freedman is a close personal and political friend of Mr. Croker. What is more natural, say Tammany men, than that Mr. Coogan should have agreed to reduce the rent of the Polo Grounds next year, and Mr. Freedman, as return for this, should have interceded with his dear friend, Mr. Croker, and secured the place for Mr. Coogan? The explanation given is generally credited.

York. He said the people wanted Mr. Croker to be the first Mayor of the greater city. His boom for Mr. Croker was suppressed after Mr. Croker returned to this city, but Mr. Coogan has remained friendly to Mr. Croker since then.

## THE MAYOR INCREASES SALARIES.

round increase of salaries. Richard S. Farley, the chief clerk, has had his salary increased from \$3.00 to \$1.200 Rose P Keogh, bond and warrant clerk, from \$2.000 to \$1.200 Marthew J. Dobbins, confidential clerk, from \$1.200 to \$1.200. William J. Harvey and August W. Hornung, stenographers, from \$1.300.

and August W. Horning, stenographers, from \$1.50 to \$1.800 and John F. Scully and Edward Hetherton, messengers, from \$1.800 to \$1.800.

The Corporation Counsel has promoted William J. Carr from the position of assistant to take charge of the Brooklyn office in place of Almet F. Jonks, elected to the bench at a salary to Mr. Carr of \$1.000. The salary of Charles V. Adee, clerk to the Board of Estimate, has been increased from \$1.000 to \$1.000.

THE TWO WILLS OF MRS. LEDYARD.

# CONFLICTING CLAIMS TO HER ESTATE BEFORE

Newport, R. I. Jan. 5.—The petition for the pro-bate of the will of Matilda Cass Ledyard, who died in England on November 16 last, came up for consideration in the Probate Court here to-day. consideration in the Probate Court here to-day. In support of a will offered here on December 12, which was made in 182 Samuel R. Hovey, in behalf of Mrs. Goddard, Francis B. Feckham and Lewis Cass Ledyard, appeared. On the other side, representing a will signed by Mrs. Ledyard on November 5, 1895, and filed in New-York on December 13, were Walter J. Angell, of Providence; Charles E. Hushes, of New-York, one of the executors named in the will in question, and W. R. Sheffield. The hearing lasted an hour and a half, at the end of which time Mr. Angell said he would file authorities for his side, and the case was taken under advisement by Judge Franklin.

## MRS. VERMUELE HELD FOR TRIAL.

weeks ago by Detective Mooney, of the Church-st. station, charged, in connection with Henry P. tained goods and money by means of a series of worthless drafts, was again arraigned in the Centrest, police court vesterday. Magistrate Mott held both Crosher and Mrs. Vermuels in \$1.000 ball for trial. Crosher was bailed out, but Mrs. Vermuels went back to prison.

testified that they either sold or presented the arti-cles to Theurer. This result is a disappointment to many. Theurer was absent from the city when the complaint was made, and it was declared by his friends that he would return and sensational developments would follow, as he was being made a scapegoat.

Rear-Admiral Sampson: "Modern Naval Warfare." Captain A. T. Mahan: The Navy in Peace." General Benjamin F. Tracy: The Navy in Peace." Gentain Robley D. Evans: The Navy in War. Captain Robley D. Evans: The Navai Academy. Professor Ita Neison Hollis.

Other guesta will be Captain W. M. Folger, Captain Henry C. Taylor, Captain French E. Chadwick, Chief Engineer G. W. Melville and Commodore Hanry Erben.

#### MORE MUSICAL PEOPLE COME.

TWO SINGERS AND A PIANIST ON THE MAJESTIC

sicians of any sor: in Europe, except a few Hunbut cannot read music, and there are not enough of them to make up a band. When there are they will all come to America. More people capable of making music-believed to be the last load for the season-arrived yesterday on the Majestic. chief among them were Miss Marie Brema, of the singer, and Emil Sauer, the planist. All three took part in the concert on board for the benefit of the sallors' orphans.

Miss Brema was so anxious to begin he that she had only time to say that she was glad to get back to America before she burried off to the Gilsey House to rehearse with the De Reszkes. She

Gilsey House to rehearse with the De Reszkes. She is to appear at the Metropolitian Opera House to-morrow afternoon in "Tristan und Isolde," with Frau Lehmann and the De Reszkes. Plunket Greene said that he was glad to get back to America. He is to give a recital at Carnedo Chamber Music Hall this afternoon, another on Mondar and a third on the following Monday. Emil Sauer will make his first appearance at the Metropolitan Opera House next Tuesday, accompanied by Paur's Orchestra. He will also be the soloist at the concerts of that orchestra at Carnedia Music Hall on February II and Is. He was glad to get to America.

VERDICT OF THE CORONER'S JURY ON THE ELEVATOR ACCIDENT IN WHICH HE

Coroner Hart and a jury held an inquest yester-day to ascertain the cause of death of Walter H. Griffin, secretary of the United States Fire Insurance Company, who was killed in an elevator acof December 5. The car was run by Dennis Sulli-

John M. Perry appeared for Sullivan, the elevator man, and R. M. Boyd, jr., for Mrs. Griffin, Christian A. Benneche, the engineer and janitor of the building at No. 55 William-st, testified that he had charge of the elevator, and that it was in spected four times a year, that an inspection had specied four times a year that an inspection had been made on the day of the accident, and that when he came down in the elevator five minutes before the accident everything was all right. Sullivan, he said was a new man, and had only been employed for two days.
Inspector Frankenberg, of the Building Depart

nt, testified that he made an examination of the elevator at 10 a m on the day the accident oc-curred, and that he found everything all right. The only cause for the accident that he could suggest, he said, was that the elevator was poorly handled or it was out of order

Theodore M. Smith, superintendent of repairs of the Otis Elevator Company, testified that he had charge of the repairs on this elevator after the accident, and that the sucident was the result of the counter-weights failing. They were made to fall, he said by the counter-balance being jammed up to the top of the car. This could be caused by a stack brake or by a defective along motion. He did not know if the brake was slack at this time, or if the stop motion was in order but if the machinery was all in order the accident would not have occurred. If the stop motion were not properly adjusted it would be likely to cause the accident, but he had never heard of the counter-weights becoming disjoigted before

ARRIVALS FROM DAWSON.

LYNCHING OF A GAMBLER AND SUICIDE OF AN

Vancouver, B C. Jan 5 -The steamer Rosalte has arrived from the north with 100 passengers, all from Dawson. The party made the trip in seventeen days. The steamer had \$50,000 in gold The party made the trip dust on board. The passengers bring news of a sensational lynching which took place at Eagle toughs around him, and was terrorizing the mining camps. He was waited on by a vigilance tee of twelve determined men and ordered to leave gamblers who had made his pince their headquar-ters immediately left the town.
On the day the steamer left Daveson Myrtle Broces, a variety across, committed suicide by shooting herself in the head. She was a native of

ACCUSED OF USING STAMPS TWICE.

AN INTERNAL REVENUE COLLECTOR'S CHARGE

Boston, Jan 8.—Henry Allison, president of the Safety Fund National Bank, of Fitchburg, was called before Internal Revenue Collector Gill this morning to explain the alleged removal of internalrevenue snamps from old insurance policies and the placing of them on new ones. An agent of the internal revenue office who visited Fitchburg a few meeks ago reported the matter to Collector Gill. dreated Mr. Allison and J. L. Borles, his partner in the insurance business, to appear in the United States Court part Tuesday.

OFFICER ARRESTED AS A "BAD MAX." Cincinnati, Jan. &-An amusing blunder was Cincinnati. Jan. &-An amusing blunder was made by the police last night in the arrest of the United States District-Attorney, William E. Bundy. The mistake was first discovered until the police arrived at the station, when the joke turned embarrassingly on the arresting officers. The city has been infested with crocks, the police are doubly been infested with crocks.

HE OPPOSES SUBSIDIZED SHIPPING. At the meeting of the Marchants and Manufacturers' Board of Trade Wednesday night, J. Howard. Cowporthwait spoke in opposition to the policy of subsidizing shipping interests. By an unfortunate error he was quoted as favoring this policy.

IN AID OF ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL One of the best institutions of its character in this city is St. Vincent's Hospital, in West Eleventh-st. It is conducted by the Sisters of Charity. enth-st. It is conducted by the Sisters of Charity, and it has for many years given free medical services to the poor. During the last two years three thousand destitute sick have been cared for, and last fall many of the soldlers returning from Cuba and Porto Rico, enfeebled by their services, were nursed back to strength by the Sisters of Charity in St Vincent's. It is intended soon to enlarge the scope of the hospital's work, so that greater attention can be given to the destitute.

A number of well-known women associated themselves avveral years are with the purpose to pro-

crosher, a Greenwich-st, druggist, with having obtained goods and money by means of a series of worthless drafts, was again arraigned in the Centrest, police court vesterday. Magistrate Mott held both Crosher and Mrs. Vermuele in 51.000 hall for trial. Crosher was bailed out, but Mrs. Vermuels went back to prison.

THE EX-COUNTY STOREKEEPER CLEARED.

The Hudson County Grand Jury has dismissed the complaint against John W. T. Theurer, former County Storekeeper, against whom a charge of attempted larceny was made by his successor, Patrick H. O'Neill, who found a case of goods that Theurer was about to remove. Several contractors testified that they either sold or presented the articles to Theurer. This result is a disappointment to many. Theurer was absent from the city with the complaint was made, and it was declared by the original was made, and to was declared by his friends that he would return and sensational developments would follow, as he was being made a scapegoat.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON TO BE THE GUEST.

The Colonial Club, of this city, will give a dinner in honor of Rear-Admiral William T. Sampson at its clubhouse to-morrow evening. The following toasts will be responded to: "Address of Welcome." by the president, L. Laffin Kellogs: "Cur Guest." by the president, L. Laffin